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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

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SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA AND EPA INSPECTION OF ITALIAN MOTOR VEHICLE
FATORIES

REF: (A) STATE 235509 (NOTAL); (B) ROME 13220 (NOTAL).

1. EMBASSY GREATLY APPRECIATES USEFUL AND TIMELY GUIDANCE IN
REFTEL A.

2. EMBOFFS SAW MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) REP PENNAROLA DEC
3 AT HIS REQUEST. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFO IN REFTEL
AND INDICATED THAT THE COORDINATION OF VISITS BY EPA AND CALI-
FORNIA ARB WOULD BE HELPFUL TO GOI.

3. PENNAROLA INDICATED FIAT NOW READY TO ACCEPT SUCH INSPECTIONS
IF GOI "GIVES THEM ITS BLESSING." HE SUGGESTED RESISTANCE TO
SUCH INPSECTIONS COMES FROM MINISTRY TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIA-
TION AND STATED MFA DID NOT RPT NOT INTEND PROTEST EITHER EPA OR
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CALIFORNIA ARB INSPECTIONS. EMBOFF NOTED US MANUFACTURERS SUBJECT

TO SAME REQUIREMENTS AND THUS NO DISCRIMINATION INVOLVED.

4. PENNAROLA INDICATED SIGNIFICANT FACTOR WOULD BE REACTIONS OF OTHER GOVTS TO EPA AND CALIFORNIA ARB INSPECTIONS. HE SAID HE WOULD ASK ITALIAN EMBS IN FRANCE, GERMANY, UNITED KINGDOM, SWEDEN AND JAPAN TO CHECK REACTIONS OF HOST GOVTS.

5. ITEM WHICH PARTICULARLY DISTURBED FIAT WAS CALIFORNIA ARB OCT 9, 1973 "NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE AIR RESOURCES BOARD" TO ADOPT SECTIONS 2151 AND 2152. EMBASSY ASSUMES DEPT HAS COPY OF THIS NOTICE, WHICH PENNAROLA PROVIDED TO EMBOFFS.

6. COMMENT: IF MFA SURVEY DISCLOSES NO PROBLEMS WITH OTHER GOVTS, EMB EXPECTS MFA WILL EVENTUALLY SEE THAT GOI "BLESSING" IS FORTH-COMING, ASSUMING NO FURTHER INJURIES TO MINISTRY TRANSPORT PRIDE BY LEARNING OF PROPOSED INSPECTIONS FROM FIAT ONLY AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN ARRANGED BY EPA OR CALIFORNIA ARB. EMBASSY URGES EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO ARRANGE FOR JOINT EPA-CALIFORNIA ARB INSPECTIONS IN SINGLE VISIT. VOLPE

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